

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nomination considered and confirmed is as follows:

IN THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Richard A. Sauber, of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will now resume legislative session.

ORDERS FOR MONDAY, MAY 3, 2021

Mr. Kaine. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn to then convene for pro forma sessions only, with no business being considered, on the following dates and times, and that following each pro forma session, the Senate adjourn until the next pro forma session: Monday, May 3, at 12:45 p.m., and Thursday, May 6, at 4 p.m.

I further ask that when the Senate adjourn on Thursday, May 6, it next convene at 3 p.m., Monday, May 10; further, that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later that day, and morning business be closed; further, that upon the conclusion of morning business, the Senate proceed to executive session to resume consideration of Executive Calendar No. 69, Andrea Joan Palm, of Wisconsin, to be Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services; finally, that the cloture motions filed during today's session ripen at 5:30 p.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. Kaine. Madam President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. Kaine. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The Senator from Virginia.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. Kaine. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Environment and Public Works be discharged and the Senate proceed to the following nomination: PN 267, the nomination of Gayle Manchin, to be Federal Cochairman of the Appalachian Regional Commission.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Gayle C. Manchin, of West Virginia, to be Federal Cochairman of the Appalachian Regional Commission.

There being no objection, the committee was discharged and the Senate proceeded to consider the nomination.

Mr. Kaine. I know of no further debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. If there is no further debate, the question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Manchin nomination?

The nomination was confirmed.

Mr. Kaine. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate; that no further motions be in order to the nomination; that any statements related to the nomination be printed in the RECORD; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action and the Senate then resume legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will resume legislative session.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, MAY 3, 2021, AT 12:45 P.M.

Mr. Kaine. Madam President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 5:11 p.m., adjourned until Monday, May 3, 2021, at 12:45 p.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON AIRPORTS AUTHORITY

SEAN BURTON, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON AIRPORTS AUTHORITY FOR A TERM EXPIRING MAY 30, 2024, VICE NINA MITCHELL WELLS, TERM EXPIRED.

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

KAREN JEAN HEDLUND, OF COLORADO, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2025, VICE ANN BEGEMAN, TERM EXPIRED.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

GERALDINE RICHMOND, OF OREGON, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY FOR SCIENCE, DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, VICE PAUL DABBAR.

ANDREW EILPERIN LIGHT, OF GEORGIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF ENERGY (INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS), VICE THEODORE J. GARRISH.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

JANE TOSHIKO NISHIDA, OF MARYLAND, TO BE AN ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, VICE WILLIAM CHARLES MCINTOSH.

CHEMICAL SAFETY AND HAZARD INVESTIGATION BOARD

STEPHEN A. OWENS, OF ARIZONA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE CHEMICAL SAFETY AND HAZARD INVESTIGATION BOARD FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS, VICE RICHARD J. ENGLER, TERM EXPIRED.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

JEFFREY M. PRIETO, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, VICE MATTHEW Z. LEOPOLD.

CHEMICAL SAFETY AND HAZARD INVESTIGATION BOARD

JENNIFER BETH SASS, OF MARYLAND, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE CHEMICAL SAFETY AND HAZARD INVESTIGATION BOARD FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS, VICE KRISTEN MARIE KULINOWSKI, TERM EXPIRED.

SYLVIA E. JOHNSON, OF NORTH CAROLINA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE CHEMICAL SAFETY AND HAZARD INVESTIGATION BOARD FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS, VICE VANESSA LORRAINE ALLEN SUTHERLAND, TERM EXPIRED.

AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

MARY CATHERINE PHEE, OF ILLINOIS, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION FOR A TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 27, 2026. (RE-APPOINTMENT)

MARY CATHERINE PHEE, OF ILLINOIS, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION FOR A TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 27, 2021, VICE LINDA THOMAS-GREENFIELD, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

MARY CATHERINE PHEE, OF ILLINOIS, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE (AFRICAN AFFAIRS), VICE TIBOR PETER NAGY, JR.

LEE SATTERFIELD, OF SOUTH CAROLINA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE (EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS), VICE MARIE ROYCE.

ADAM SCHEINMAN, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PRESIDENT FOR NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION, WITH THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR.

KAREN ERIKA DONFRIED, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE (EUROPEAN AFFAIRS AND EURASIAN AFFAIRS), VICE A. WESS MITCHELL, RESIGNED.

BARBARA A. LEAF, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE (NEAR EASTERN AFFAIRS), VICE DAVID SCHENKER.

JESSICA LEWIS, OF OHIO, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE (POLITICAL-MILITARY AFFAIRS), VICE R. CLARKE COOPER.

DONALD LU, OF CALIFORNIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR SOUTH ASIAN AFFAIRS, VICE NISHA DESAI BISWAL.

CHRISTOPHER P. LU, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE UNITED NATIONS FOR U.N. MANAGEMENT AND REFORM, WITH THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR.

CHRISTOPHER P. LU, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE SESSIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS, DURING HIS TENURE OF SERVICE AS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE UNITED NATIONS FOR U.N. MANAGEMENT AND REFORM.

SARAH MARGON, OF NEW YORK, TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR DEMOCRACY, HUMAN RIGHTS, AND LABOR, VICE ROBERT A. DESTRO.

NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

LYNETTE YOUNG OVERBY, OF DELAWARE, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON THE HUMANITIES FOR A TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 26, 2026, PHYLLIS KAMINSKY, TERM EXPIRED.

DARYL W. BALDWIN, OF OHIO, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON THE HUMANITIES FOR A TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 26, 2026, VICE DAVID ARMAND DEKEYSER, TERM EXPIRED.

GENINE MACKS FIDLER, OF FLORIDA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON THE HUMANITIES FOR A TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 26, 2026, VICE JOYCE MALCOLM, TERM EXPIRED.

BEVERLY GAGE, OF CONNECTICUT, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON THE HUMANITIES FOR A TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 26, 2026, VICE NOEL VALIS, TERM EXPIRED.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

ROBERTO JOSUE RODRIGUEZ, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR PLANNING, EVALUATION, AND POLICY DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, VICE JAMES BLEW.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

JONATHAN EUGENE MEYER, OF OHIO, TO BE GENERAL COUNSEL, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, VICE JOHN MARSHALL MITNICK.

THE JUDICIARY

CHRISTINE P. O'HEARN, OF NEW JERSEY, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY, VICE ROBERT B. KUGLER, RETIRED.

DAVID G. ESTUDILLO, OF WASHINGTON, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON, VICE RONALD B. LEIGHTON, RETIRED.

TANA LIN, OF WASHINGTON, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON, VICE MARSHA J. PECHMAN, RETIRED.

DISCHARGED NOMINATION

The Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged